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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION-FILING DATE GRANTED AND TRANSMISSION OF ASSIGNMENT FOR RECORDATION

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted dated October 4, 2001, applicant hereby transmits (i) copy of the PTO Notice, (ii) Declaration and Power of Attorney, and (iii) check for \$130 surcharge for late filing of the Declaration.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the Name of Inventors, Title of Invention, Attorney Docket Number, and Filing Date thereby adequately identifying the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63.

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231.

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Applicant also transmits for recordation (iv) an Assignment of this invention to Ricoh Company, Ltd., (v) Recordation Form Cover Sheet (Form PTO-1595), and (vi) check for the \$40 recordation fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMUNICATION SUBMITTING FORMAL DRAWINGS

Transmitted herewith is a copy of 45 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-55) for inclusion in the file of the above-identified application.

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